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PALESTINE

Registry Number E 50/50/31.

FROM 4.0. Minute

No. M'Gannan

Dated 31. Dec 1946.

Received in Registry 2 Jan 1947

French Teaching Establishments in Palestine.

Inform M. FRANCFORT called and ref'd to 4.0. letter E 11483/8960/31. The said M. for Foreign Affairs were grateful for information in same, re evacuation of school 'PERLES DE SION' asked for consideration of other schools names of which are enclosed.

Last Paper.

(11483/8960/31)

References.

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Left M'Gannan C.O.

Jan 24

(Minutes.)

Left the Higham C.O.

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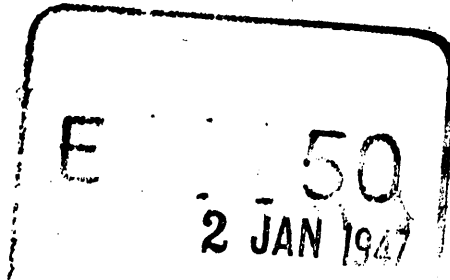
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Minutes.



Monsieur Francfort of the French Embassy left with me yesterday the attached piece of paper with reference to Sir O. Sargent's letter to the French Ambassador in E 11483/8960/31. Monsieur Francfort said that the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs were grateful for the information about the impending evacuation of the school belonging to the Pères de Sion and that they would also be grateful if we would take up with the Colonial Office the possibility of the evacuation of the buildings belonging to other French religious institutions etc., which were also occupied by the Army, the names of which appear on the attached piece of paper.

A. G. ...
Decker
31st January, 1947.

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E 1150
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Ecole au Peis de Betharam à Nazareth

- 1) Hotellerie Notre Dame de France qui compte 220 chambres.
- 2) Maison Saint-Pierre en Gallicante.
- 3) Etablissement des Pères Maristes à Béthanie.
- 4) Orphelinat de Jésus-Adolescent à Nazareth.
- 5) Maison des Pères Blancs pension Ain-Karim.
- 6) Une partie de L'Ecole des Carmes de Saint Joseph à Caiffa.

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Draft. letter to
^{SD}
Mr. Higham,
C.O.

H.B. 20/11

OUT FILE

Dear Higham,

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OC dt Jan 5
Please refer to our recent
correspondence, ending with your letter
no. 76395/3/46 of November 25th,
on the subject of French schools in
Palestine requisitioned by the military
authorities.

We have now received from the
French Embassy a further list of
buildings, belonging to French
religious institutions, which are
said to be occupied by the Army.
I enclose a copy of the list, and
I should be glad if you would
obtain from Jerusalem the latest
information in respect of each
building.

Yours Sincerely

(Sgd) P. Curran.

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Saying.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of PALESTINE.

Date 7 February, 1947

No. 110. Saying.

E 1292

11487/8960/31

Your telegram No. 1936 of 20th November, 1946.

French schools in Palestine requisitioned
by the military authorities.

I enclose a further list, received from
the French Embassy, of buildings, belonging
to French religious institutions, which are
said to be occupied by the Army.

I should be glad if you would furnish me
in due course with the latest information in
respect of each building.

SECR.

Colonial Office, London, 75395/3/47

With the Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office.

Date 8 2 47

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of..... PALESTINE. 10

Date..... 27 March, 1947.

No..... 292. Saving.

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**My savingram No.110. French Schools
in Palestine requisitioned by military authorities.**

I should be grateful if you would furnish
the desired information as soon as possible.

SECEP.

Current File No. 76395/2/47
Minister of S.
Colonial Office.

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To
J.D.
Mr. HIGHAM
Colonial Office

from
P.
Mr. Ganan

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Dear Higham,

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Foreign Office S. 21.
5 May 1947

May I refer you to my letter ||
(E.50/50/31) of 24th January on the
subject of French schools and religious
institutions in Palestine requisitioned
by the military authorities?

I should be glad if you would
let me know whether you have
yet received any information from
Jerusalem about this subject, as we
owe the French Embassy a reply

Yours sincerely,
D. May 2nd

(Sgd.)

P. Ganan.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

5th May, 1947

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Dear Higham,

May I refer you to my letter
(E 50/50/31) of the 24th January
on the subject of French schools
and religious institutions in
Palestine requisitioned by the
military authorities?

I should be glad if you would
let me know whether you have yet
received any information from
Jerusalem about this subject, as
we owe the French Embassy a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.)

(P. Garran)

J.D. Higham, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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3. It is regretted that the present situation should necessitate the occupation by the military forces of the above-named institutions, and every attempt will be made when an opportunity occurs to return them to their original owners.

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for the return of this school to its owners.

The Palestine Administration much regret that owing to the present abnormal situation in Palestine it is not ^{yet} possible to return to their owners those buildings which are still occupied by the military forces and essential services. They give an assurance however that every effort will be made to return them to their owners as soon as it is possible to do so.

apart from the Ecoles des Carmes de Saint Joseph at Haifa

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

No. E 3866/50/31

21st May, 1947.

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My dear Pierre,

You will remember that you left with me on 30th December a list of French religious institutions and teaching establishments in Palestine, the premises of which were understood to have been requisitioned by the Military authorities. You subsequently referred to this matter in conversation with me on two other occasions.

As I told you, we referred this matter to the Colonial Office with a request that they should examine the position with the local Palestine authorities. A report has now been received from the High Commissioner for Palestine, which gives the following information:-

1. Ecole des Pères de Betharam à Nazareth : still occupied by Polish troops.
2. Hotellerie Notre Dame de France ; accommodating British troops.
3. Maison Saint-Pierre en Gallicante : occupied by essential civilian services.
4. Etablissement des Pères Maristes à Béthanie : this building is not known to the Palestine administration under this name.
5. Orphelinat de Jésus-Adolescent à Nazareth : still occupied by Polish troops.
6. Maison des Pères Blancs Pension Ain-Karim : this building is not requisitioned.
7. Ecole des Carmes de Saint Joseph à Caiffa : negotiations are proceeding for the return of this school to its owners.

Monsieur Pierre Francfort,
French Embassy,

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6 JUN 1947

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Registry Number } E 4819/50/31
 FROM } M. M. M. M.
 No. } French Embassy
 Dated } 2. June 1947
 Received in Registry } 6 - -

French Teaching Establishment in Palestine.
 Ref. to letter (E 3866/50/11) of 31 May.
 Points out that at least 3 of the 8 requirements
 French schools in Palestine are occupied by
 Poles who would be repatriated to Poland
 or England. Requests that the question
 of release of schools may be reconsidered.

Last Paper.

3866 -

(Minutes.)

I submit draft to C.O.

References.

Handwritten signature
 (C.S.E. CABLE)
 7/6

I think this might perhaps now
 be taken up on a higher level
 with the C.O. Amended drafts
 submitted

D.S. Beint
 June 11
 (BEITH)

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(How disposed of.)

Opt. M. M. M. M.
 French Embassy
 from Mr. O. M. M.
 June 17
 of Mr. M. M. M.
 Opt. Mr. M. M. M.
 from Mr. O. M. M.
 June 17

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 M. M. M. M.

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S.O.
from W. Smith
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Deft. letter
to
The French
Ambassador

from
Sir O. Harvey
~~Sargent~~

Copy Sir T. Lloyd
CO.

15 June 11

Western Dept

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17 June 25

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I have written to the
Permanent Under-Secretary
at the Colonial Office
communicating the contents
of your ^{to Sargent} letter of June 2nd
about the continued
occupation by the military
authorities of certain French
schools in Palestine, and
I have asked Sir T. Lloyd
to take the matter up
again with the High
Commissioner.

I am sure you will
understand

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Draft. Mr. ~~Smith~~ Trefford Smith
C.O.

My dear Trefford Smith,
You will remember that

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*from Sir Neville
Butler*

Harvey wrote to Lloyd on
the 17th June (our reference
is E4819/50/31) about French
teaching establishments which
are at present requisitioned
by the military authorities in
Palestine, and that he
enclosed a copy of a letter
from the French Ambassador.

*RJ.
Mr. P. Ganan.*

The Embassy have now
written to us again on this
subject.

H.B. 3/7

*RJ
1/3/51*

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

8th July, 1947.

(E 5808/50/31)

My dear Trafford Smith,

You will remember that Harvey wrote to Lloyd on the 17th June (our reference is E 4819/50/31) about certain French teaching establishments which are at present requisitioned by the military authorities in Palestine, and that he enclosed a copy of a letter from the French Ambassador.

The Embassy have now written to us again on this subject, suggesting that less sympathy is being shown to French establishments than to those of other nationalities. I enclose a copy of this letter, in order that you may consider it together with the Ambassador's previous representations.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.)
T. Smith Esq., (P. Garran)
Colonial Office.

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E 6847

30 JUL 1947
Dear Harvey

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

25th July, 1947.

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Thank you for your letter E.4819/50/31 of the 17th June about the French educational establishments which are under requisition in Palestine. I am sorry that, owing to extreme pressure in the M.E. Department here, we have been so long in replying.

We have taken the matter up with the High Commissioner again in a saving telegram of which I enclose a copy. We are reluctant to press the High Commissioner too hard on this issue, as accommodation difficulties in Palestine are very acute owing to the size of the present garrison and the fact that buildings for requisition often have to be selected with a view to their inclusion within security zones and their potentiality for defence. The Polish refugees in Palestine present a special problem of some magnitude and we are anxious to relieve the High Commissioner of responsibility for their accommodation as soon as possible. You are, no doubt aware, however, of the difficulties with which we are faced in moving to the United Kingdom from the various parts of the Empire where they now are those Poles for whose resettlement we have accepted responsibility. I hope, nevertheless, that the High Commissioner's reply to our saving telegram will enable us to offer some satisfaction to the French Ambassador.

Your sincerely,

T. L. K. Lloyd

SIR OLIVER HARVEY, K.C.M.G.

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To the High Commissioner for PALESTINE.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th July, 1947.

No: 838 Confidential Saving

Your telegram No.435 Saving.

Requisitioned French Schools in Palestine.

Information in your saving telegram under reference has been conveyed to French Ambassador who has expressed himself as dissatisfied that these institutions should still remain under requisition. In a communication to the Foreign Office he has commented adversely on the fact that three of the institutions in question are used to house Poles, a large proportion of whom are women. He contends that the reasons advanced by us for continued requisition, namely the necessity of housing military forces in Palestine, cannot be taken to apply to these Poles who do not form part of the military or police forces. The establishments to which he makes particular reference are:-

- (a) Ecole des Peres de Betharam at Nazareth;
- (b) Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent at Nazareth;
- (c) One wing of the school of St.Pierre de Sion at Jerusalem.

2. Your telegram No.1936 indicated that (c) above might be evacuated in January 1947. Grateful to know if this has proved possible and also if there is any immediate prospect of your being able to arrange for the Poles in question to be housed in accommodation other than French educational institutions. I fully realize that delay in arranging for the disposal of these Poles is a great embarrassment to you, and I am afraid that I can hold out no hopes of their early removal. It is intended that they will be ultimately received in the United Kingdom and the accommodation situation here, coupled with the shortage of shipping and the necessity arising from the end of British rule in India to grant priority to the evacuation of Poles from that country, makes it difficult to fix a date for their removal.

3. The French Ambassador has also suggested that there is a degree of discrimination against French teaching establishments in that they appear to be the only institutions of this character which have been requisitioned with the exception of 3 Italian schools, namely,

- (a) Salesian school of Saint Paul, Jerusalem.
- (b) Egyptian Franciscans' school, Jerusalem,
- (c) Carmelites' school at Haifa.

Grateful for material to answer this charge. I am aware, for instance, that a religious building leased as a Moslem school in Haifa has through necessity been

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occupied as police billets. The Foreign Secretary is anxious to remove as far as possible all irritants between His Majesty's Government and the French in the Middle East and he would be grateful if special efforts could be made to help the French in the matter of their educational establishments in Palestine about which they are particularly sensitive. Grateful therefore if you would consider if anything further can be done to release some of the buildings in question.

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 FROM J. Higham
 No. Colonial Office
 Dated 76395/3/47
 Received in Registry 15 Sept 18

French Shaking Establishment in Palestine.
 Refer to letter E6847/50/31) have now heard from Palestine Govt that the Nazareth orphanage will not be required for use by British troops and will be released, when formalities completed.

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apt. M. P. Franckfort
 French Embassy
 from M. Reich.
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G. J. M. 24/9

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The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
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*M. Franfort informed
by Telephone
JB*

15th September, 1947.

E 8623

My dear Beith,

Will you refer to your letter E. 6847/50/31 of 14th August about French educational establishments in Palestine. We have now heard from the Palestine Government that the Nazareth Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent will not be required for use by British troops and will be released when handing back formalities are completed.

I am afraid that Palestine are still not in a position to deal with the other questions we raised in our savingram No. 838 (a copy of which was enclosed in Lloyd's letter of the 25th of July to Harvey). They hope to be able to give us a full report very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

John Higham

(J.D. Higham)

J.G.S. BEITH, ESQ.

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J.D. Higham Esq.,
 Colonial Office,
 The Church House,
 Gt. Smith St,
 London, S.W.1.

from:
 (J.G.S. Beith)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

24 September 1947. 48

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of September 15th about the release of the French Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent at Nazareth.

In this connexion I send you herewith a copy of a recent letter from the French Embassy, pointing out that the teaching staff ^{for this school} are arriving in Palestine any day now, and expressing the hope that the formalities of handing over will not delay the reopening of the school ^{which is planned for} by October. We very much hope that no further delay will ensue now that the decision to release the school has been taken.

yours sincerely JB sept. 19
 (Squid) John Beith

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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1

24th September, 1947.

(E 8623/50/31)

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yours sincerely,
(Sgd) John Beith

(J. G. S. Beith)

J. D. Higham Esq.,
Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
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M. P. Francfort,
3, Carlton Gardens,
S.W.1.

from:
(J.G.S. Beith)

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Dear John,

24 September 1947

With reference to your letter to Garran of September 11th, and our recent telephone conversation, I write to confirm the information I then gave you about the Nazareth Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent.

The Colonial Office have now heard from the Government of Palestine that this teaching establishment will ^{definitely} not be required for use by British troops, and will be ^{free} released as soon as the formalities of handing it back are completed. We ^{are} promise further information about the other French Schools shortly.

I had not seen your letter of September 11th when I spoke to you on the telephone, but I am now communicating ^{its contents} ~~it~~ to the Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,
JB Sept. 19
(Squad) John Beith.

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FOREIGN OFFICE . S.W.1

24th September, 1947

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No. 8623/57/31

Dear Pierre,

With reference to your letter to Garraan of 11th September and our recent telephone conversation, I write to confirm the information I then gave you about the Nazareth Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent.

The Colonial Office have now heard from the Government of Palestine that this teaching establishment will definitely not be required for use by British troops and will be free as soon as the formalities of handing back are completed. We are promised further information about the other French Schools shortly.

I had not seen your letter of 11th September when I spoke to you on the telephone, but I am now communicating its contents to the Colonial Office.

yours sincerely,
(Signed) John Beith

(J. G. S. Beith)

Monsieur Pierre Francfort,
French Embassy,
3, Carlton Gardens,
S.W.1.

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28 OCT

Registry Number E10028/50/31
 FROM Sir J. Lloyd
 No. Colonial Office
 to Sir O. Harvey
 Dated
 Received in Registry 23 Oct
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French Teaching Establishment in Palestine.
 Refer to letter E4819/50/31 and reply stating that 14/10 Palestine had been asked for a full report on the situation. Now transmits text of 14/10 reply, who states that of 42 institutes in Palestine still held by military authorities, only six are French, further comment.

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Wpt. French Ambassadors
 from Sir O. Harvey
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Comp. Sir J. Lloyd
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(Minutes.)

Considering the real difficulties facing our military authorities in Palestine, I think they have treated the French very generously. Judging by the list in E3866, it now appears that only two French educational establishments are still requisitioned (not counting the Ratisbonne school)

(a) The Hotelierie Notre Dame de France, which is occupied by British troops.

(b) The Maison Saint-Pierre en Gallicante, which is occupied by essential civilian services.

The other 4 have all been evacuated except for the Ratisbonne school, which is due to be evacuated shortly. This letter also shows that there is no foundation whatever for M. Frankefort's suggestion (E5808) of anti-French discrimination.

I submit draft letter from Sir O. Harvey to M. Massigni.

J.C. Cable
 (J.E. CABLE)

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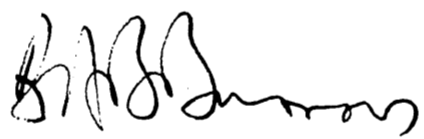
53 On consulting the c.o., I found that I had misunderstood their original letter and this draft has been held up in order to obtain further particulars from them. It is now clear that nine institutions were originally held, of which three have been vacated and one will be shortly.

Revised draft submitted.

See further Co. letter of Nov. 14 
(attached) (J.F. CABLE)
17/11

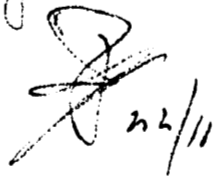
The original Co. letter was obscure. I think we now have the full facts and a good case to put to the French Embassy.

J.S. Denis
Nov. 19



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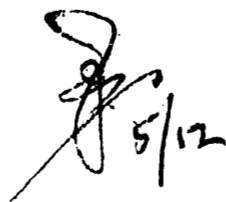
Approved by Sir C. Harney & sent.


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J.P.P. L. Mawglt, French Embassy. 1/12.

copy to c.o. (Mr. Higham)

Western Dept.
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You wrote to me on the 17th of June about French educational establishments at present under requisition in Palestine. In a reply of 25th July I informed you that we had asked the High Commissioner for a full report on the situation. I am sorry to have been so long in writing to you again; this is largely due to the fact that the High Commissioner decided to undertake a complete survey of all religious and educational establishments in military occupation so that we should be in a position to deal with the suggestion conveyed in Francfort's letter to Garran of the 27th June that the Palestine Government did in effect discriminate against French establishments.

This survey discloses that of 42 religious and educational institutions in Palestine still held by the military authorities only six are French. In the majority of cases the fact that French educational institutions have had to be occupied is solely due to their being admirably adapted to house large numbers of men and being situated in localities where there have been, up to the present, many British troops and no other suitable accommodation. It is of course true that certain of these buildings have been occupied by Poles. The plain fact is that we have been unable to

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to move these Poles from Palestine to this country and that so long as they remain accommodation of some kind must be found for them. Notwithstanding this, of the three French buildings which were being used until recently to house Poles one was in fact released a few weeks ago, as reported in Higham's letter of 15th of September to Beith; the Ecole des Pères de Betharam at Nazareth was handed back on the 5th September; and the third, the Ratisbonne School, belonging to the Pères de Sion is due to be vacated by the military shortly. (The last named building has, as a matter of fact, never been under requisition, but has been leased since 1940 under a voluntary agreement with the owners).

As regards the few buildings still retained I understand that in one or two cases the owners have not made any representations for release and here the presumption is that they are not over-anxious to receive back these buildings as yet.

As further evidence that the charge of discrimination against French establishments is not well founded, I would add that the only French building occupied at Haifa was handed back to the Order of Carmel Saint Joseph on the 1st of September, although the very important school belonging to the International Carmelite Order of Haifa is still occupied by the Palestine Police, despite the serious dislocation to Arab education which this is causing and strong representations made on behalf of the Order by Members of Parliament and others who are deeply concerned at the effect of continued Government occupation of this property.

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The French Ambassador may be assured that both the Palestine Government and the military authorities are only too anxious to cause the minimum disturbance to French teaching activities and that, as he will readily understand, it is only the difficult and uncertain conditions in Palestine which have made it impossible to proceed with release as quickly as we should wish.

Yours sincerely,

T.I.K. / *[Signature]*

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Dear Cable,

Please refer to Lloyd's letter of 23rd October to Harvey about requisitioned French educational establishments in Palestine.

You asked for a list of the names of the establishments mentioned in the letter under reference. I now enclose such a list, containing the names of the 6 houses still under requisition, one of which, the Ratisbonne School, is shortly to be vacated by the military, and also the names of these French schools which were at any time requisitioned, but which have been handed back to their owners.

The Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent, as you know from my letter No. 76395/3/47 of 18th September to Beith, is being handed back to its owners.

Yours sincerely
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List of French Religious and Educational
Institutions at Present under Requisition
in Palestine.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Owners</u>
<u>Nazareth</u>	
Nazareth Salesian Monastery.	Salesian Fathers.
<u>Jerusalem</u>	
Notre Dame de France	Rev. Father Pascal St. Jean, Superior of Notre Dame de France.
Hostel St. Pierre de Gallicante	Rev. Father Pascal St. Jean
Capucine Convent	Superior of the Capucine Mission through Attorney Rev. Father Pascal St. Jean
St. Paul's Hospice Damascus Gate	Rev. Father Yohannes Sonnen, Representative of the Archbishop of Cologne
* Ratisbonne School	The Very Rev. Father Pierre de Conde, Superior of the Fathers of St. Pierre de Sion.

* The last named school is not under requisition but has been occupied since 1940 under a hiring agreement between the Government and the Religious Authorities.

The following establishments, which were requisitioned have been handed back to their owners:-

- (1) Ecole de Peres de Betharam at Nazareth.
- (2) School of Carmel St. Joseph at Bat Galim.
- (3) Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent (my letter of 15th September to Beith).

Two of the establishments mentioned in Garran's letter of 24th January, namely that of the Peres Maristes, Bethanie and the Peres Blancs at Ain Karim are remarked on by Palestine as being "not known" and "not requisitioned" respectively (see the enclosure to Fitzgerald's letter of the 8th May).

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My dear Ambassador,

To
The French Ambassador
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Sir O. ~~H...~~
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In my letter no. E 4819/50/31 of the 17th June about the occupation by the British military authorities of certain French educational and religious institutions in Palestine, I ~~mentioned~~ mentioned that I had asked the Colonial Office to take the matter up again with the Govt. of Palestine.

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The Govt. of Palestine have now carefully investigated the position with particular reference to the suggestion made in ~~Monsieur~~ M. de Lamoignon's letter of the 27th June to guarantee that French institutions were receiving less favourable treatment than those of other nations. Investigation reveals that only six of the 42 religious and educational establishments still held by the Govt. of Palestine are French. These are:

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- (i) The Salesian Monastery at Nazareth
- (ii) The institution of Notre Dame de France at Jerusalem
- (iii) The Hotel St. Pierre en Gallicante at Jerusalem.
- (iv) The Capucine convent at Jerusalem.
- (v) St. Paul's Hospice, Damascus Gate, Jerusalem.
- (vi) The Ratisbonne school at Jerusalem.

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The last of these is not requisitioned but has been occupied since 1940 on hire and by agreement with the religious

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60 religious authorities concerned. It is due to be vacated by the military authorities in the near future. Two of the two remaining institutions contained in the list originally given to me. Only three other French establishments were at any time requisitioned. These were:

- (i) The Ecole des Pères de Betharam at Nazareth.
- (ii) The school of the Order of Carmel St. Joseph at Bat Galim (Haifa).
- (iii) The Orphanage of Jesus Adolescent at Nazareth.

All three have been handed back to their owners. I may mention here that, while the French Carmelite institution at Haifa has been vacated, the school belonging to the International Carmelite Order of Haifa is still occupied by the Palestine Police.

In most cases the fact that French religious or educational institutions have had to be occupied is solely due to their being admirably adapted to housing large numbers of men and ~~being~~ ^{to their being} situated in localities where there have been up to the present, many British troops and no other suitable accommodation. I hope

~~of this information~~ ^{I think that, in the light} of the facts listed above, you will agree with me that the Govt. of Palestine, in spite of all the difficulties created by the present abnormal situation, have gone a long way towards

Monsieur
Garran by Frankfurt,
that of the Pères
Blancs at Ain Karim
is not requisitioned,
while that of the
Pères Maristes at
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Towards satisfying your request. French establishments
so far from suffering unfair
discrimination, have received more
favourable treatment than most.
You may rest assured that both
the Palestine Govt. and the
military authorities are ~~of the~~
anxious to cause the minimum
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will readily appreciate, it is only
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Yours sincerely

(Sqd.) O. R. Sargent.

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Foreign Office,

27th November, 1947.

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My dear Ambassador,

In my letter No. E 4819/50/31 of the 17th June about the occupation by the British military authorities of certain French educational and religious institutions in Palestine, I mentioned that I had asked the Colonial Office to take the matter up again with the Government of Palestine.

The Government of Palestine have now carefully investigated the position with particular reference to the suggestion made in Monsieur Francfort's letter of the 27th June to Garran that French institutions were receiving less favourable treatment than those of other nations. Investigation reveals that only six of the forty-two religious and educational establishments still held by the Government of Palestine are French. These are:-

- (i) The Salesian Monastery at Nazareth
- (ii) The institution of Notre Dame de France at Jerusalem
- (iii) The Hotel St. Pierre en Gallicante at Jerusalem.
- (iv) The Capucine Convent at Jerusalem
- (v) St. Paul's Hospice, Damascus Gate, Jerusalem
- (vi) The Ratisbonne School at Jerusalem.

The last of these is not requisitioned but has been occupied since 1940 on hire and by agreement with the religious authorities concerned. It is due to be vacated by the military authorities in the near future. Of the two remaining institutions contained in the list originally given to Garran by Monsieur Francfort, that of the Pères Blancs at Ain Karim is not requisitioned,

while

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